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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend and add claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A catheter set comprising a catheter and a package for storing of the catheter before use and for collecting or discharging urine, said package including an elongated, narrow part forming a tube for accommodation of a proximal part of the catheter, and a broader container part, the proximal part of the catheter having an inner diameter and being adapted to be inserted into the urethra, said catheter including a sealing part for providing a seal between the catheter and the elongated part of the package which prevents passage of urine through said tube except through said catheter inner diameter during use, and further including a distal part formed as a tubular section having an inner diameter at least as large as the inner diameter of the proximal part of the catheter, said sealing part separating the proximal part of the catheter and the tubular distal part, and a length of the tubular distal part being at least as long as a length of the elongated, narrow part of the package such that, in use, the tubular distal part is present within and extends through the length of said elongated, narrow part.

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2. (Previously Presented) The catheter set according to claim 1, wherein the proximal part of the catheter has a hydrophilic coating.

3. (Previously Presented) The catheter set according to claim 1, wherein the set includes a wetting fluid integrated into the package.

4. (Previously Presented) The catheter set according to claim 1, wherein the tubular distal part of the catheter has an inner diameter larger than the inner diameter of the proximal part of the catheter.

5. (Previously Presented) The catheter set according to claim 1, wherein the tubular distal part is made from an extrudable, mouldable material.

6. (Previously Presented) The catheter set according to claim 1, wherein the tubular distal part of the catheter is transversely corrugated.

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7. (Previously Presented) The catheter set according to claim 1, wherein the elongated narrow part is at an end of the package from which the catheter exits during use.

8. (Previously Presented) The catheter set according to claim 1, wherein the package is provided with at least one sealing device on an exterior side of the package.

9. (Previously Presented) The catheter set according to claim 8, wherein the sealing device includes an adhesive sheet adhered to the package.

10. (Previously Presented) The catheter set according to claim 5, wherein said extrudable, mouldable material is selected from the group consisting of polyolefins and copolymers of polyethylene.

11. (Currently Amended) A catheter set comprising a catheter and a package for storing of the catheter before use and for collecting or discharging urine, said package including an elongated part forming a tube for accommodation of a proximal part of the catheter which is adapted to be inserted into the urethra,

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said catheter including a tubular distal part and a sealing part for providing a seal between the catheter and the elongated part of the package during use, said sealing part separating the proximal and distal parts ~~part~~ of the catheter ~~and the tubular distal part~~ at a fixed location thereon, a length of the tubular distal part being at least as long as a length of the elongated part of the package such that, in use, the tubular distal part is present within and extends through the length of said elongated part.

12. (Previously Presented) The catheter set according to claim 11, wherein the proximal part of the catheter has a hydrophilic coating.

13. (Previously Presented) The catheter set according to claim 11, wherein the set includes a wetting fluid integrated into the package.

14. (Previously Presented) The catheter set according to claim 11, wherein the tubular distal part of the catheter has an inner diameter at least as large as an inner diameter of the proximal part of the catheter.

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15. (Previously Presented) The catheter set according to claim 11, wherein the tubular distal part of the catheter has an inner diameter larger than an inner diameter of the proximal part of the catheter.

16. (Previously Presented) The catheter set according to claim 11, wherein the tubular distal part is made from an extrudable, mouldable material.

17. (Previously Presented) The catheter set according to claim 11, wherein the tubular distal part of the catheter is transversely corrugated.

18. (Previously Presented) The catheter set according to claim 11, wherein the tubular distal part is flexible but has sufficient stiffness to prevent kinking of said elongated part.

19. (Previously Presented) The catheter set according to claim 11, wherein the package is provided with at least one sealing device on an exterior side of the package.

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20. (Previously Presented) The catheter set according to claim 19, wherein the sealing device includes an adhesive sheet adhered to the package.

21. (New) The catheter set according to claim 1, wherein said sealing part separates said proximal and distal parts of the catheter at a fixed location thereon.

22. (New) The catheter set according to claim 1, wherein an exterior opening of said elongated narrow portion is concurrent with an open edge of said package, said seal being adjacent said exterior opening.

23. (New) The catheter set according to claim 1, wherein said proximal, distal and said sealing parts are produced together as an integrated unit.

24. (New) The catheter set according to claim 1, wherein said tubular part is a separate piece connected to said catheter via said sealing part.

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25. (New) The catheter set according to claim 11, wherein said seal formed by said sealing part prevents passage of urine through said tube except through an inner diameter of said catheter.

26. (New) The catheter set according to claim 11, wherein an exterior opening of said elongated narrow portion is concurrent with an open edge of said package, said seal being adjacent said exterior opening.